

The Blue Gold: Experiences in Water Recycling

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New trends





Although 72% of the Earth's surface is covered with water, less than 3% of this water is suitable for uses like drinking and irrigation.

Source : Live Science



Water shortage



Across the EU, water shortages and droughts have increased dramatically in recent decades. They are likely to become more frequent and more severe in the future.



Source: EC - Water Scarcity and Drought in the European Union

Mediterranean region

Around the Mediterranean*, some **20% of the population lives under constant water stress** and in summer, over 50% of the population is affected by water stress.

*Spain, Portugal, the Italian peninsula, Southern France, Cyprus, Greece and Malta

Source: EEA - Is Europe's freshwater use sustainable?



Water Scarcity is no longer confined to a few corners of Europe, and is fast becoming a concern across the EU



By 2030 water stress and scarcity will probably affect half of Europe's river basins

Source: EC - Report on the Review of the European Water Scarcity and Droughts Policy EC - Would you drink your wastewater?



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WATER SHORTAGES

have a severe impact on agriculture, industry and tourism.

When less water is available, the environmental impacts can be huge – there is too little water in rivers and lakes, wetlands dry out, and salt water may intrude into groundwater resources.

Conclusions for the industry



- Risen public awareness for all water topics
- The significance for water-treatment and water-reuse will further increase
- Legislation dealing with this topics are to be expected sooner or later!



Water jetting industry will have to deal with these challanges!



Our Solution for the industry



• Mobile wastewater treatment plant for recycling the process water from high-pressure water jetting







Technology

- 1. Reactor tank
- 2. Flocculation unit
- 3. Lamella seperator
- 4. Storage tank
- 5. Sludge discharge
- 6. Fine filtration units
- 7. Fully automatic control
- 8. Recording pH-value



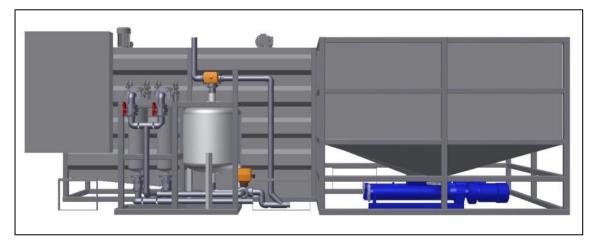


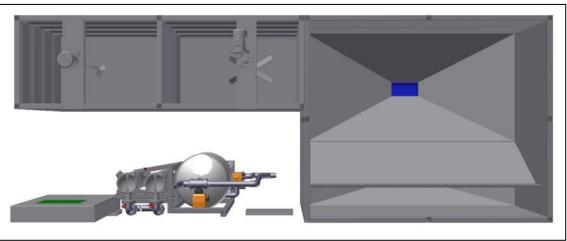




Technology









Industrial Applications

CONSTRUCTION

- Hydrodemolition and coating removal
- Tunnel cleaning and refurbishment

SHIPYARDS

- Ship hull preparation

INDUSTRY

- Tank refurbishment













Construction Industry



Hydrodemolition

- Concrete removal in Luxembourg
- Client: THP France
- Aquacutter (2.200 bar, 200 l/min) wastewater treated for drain into the sewage system



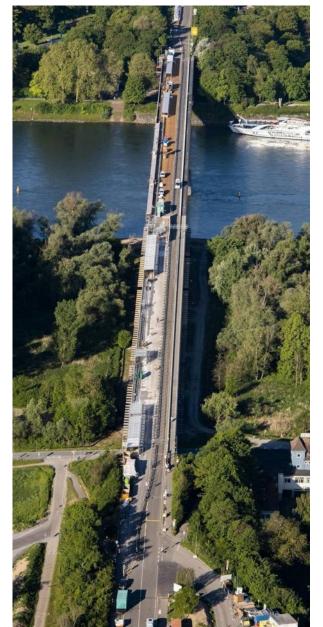


Bridge refurbishment with PCB/PAK contamination

<u>Chronology</u>

The Salier Bridge is an important road bridge crossing the river Rhine, which connects the federal states of Baden-Württemberg with Rhineland-Palatinate at Speyer. The structure consists of a steel beam bridge in the river area and a prestressed concrete beam bridge in the eastern foreland. The bridge has a total length of 595 m and has two lanes as well as a pedestrian/cycling path on both sides.

Robots in conjunction with water jetting (technology by Hammelmann) are used to remove the pavement layers and prepare the concrete foundations.









Bridge refurbishment with PCB/PAK contamination

First material samples showed a <u>strong</u> <u>contamination of PCB (concrete)</u> and PAH (asphalt). As a consequence Reprotex was contacted to carry out a pilot test to treat the jet water. The convincing analysis results led to an order to use Reprotex technology for the rehabilitation of the bridge. The expected amount of waste water is about 8,000m³.The treated water achieves a unparalleled quality outreaching legal requirements so that it can even be discharged into the Rhine. Compliance with the regulatory limit values is being checked twice a week by an accredited laboratory.







Bridge refurbishment with PCB/PAK contamination







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For separating PCP the REPROTEX unit was combined with an activated carbon filter system







Bridge refurbishment with PCB/PAK contamination

treated water

Injection point into riverRhein



sludge dewatering









Bridge refurbishment with PCB/PAK contamination

		Wastewater	Clear water	Clear water	Wastewater	Clear water	Clear water
Parameter		Concrete	before AC filter	after AC filter	Asphalt	before AC filter	after AC filter
pH-value		12,3	8,3	9,0	8,2	8,3	8,9
Conductivity	μS/cm	2.460	520	555	530	565	478
Filterable substances	mg/l	10.100	3	< 2	787	< 2	<2
Nitrogen total	mg/I	0,05	0,06	< LOD	0,04	0,03	0,22
Sulfate	mg/I	7,2	26	34	7,7	13	30
Phosphate	mg/I	2,3	< 1,5	< 1,5	2,2	< 1,5	< 1,5
COD	mg/I	334	51	< 15	148	43	< 15
Phenol index	mg/I	0,19	0,34	< 0,050	5,2	3,3	< 0,050
Sum 16 EPA-PAH	μg/I	27,8	1,69	0,08	1.190	92,6	0,06
Sum 7 PCB	μg/I	480	0,02	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD	< LOD

LOD ... Limit of determination





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Cost comparison:

Project duration Wastewater	2 years 8.000 m ³	
Conventional	Tours á 10m ³	800
	Time 3h á 150€	360.000 €
	Disposal 30€/m³	240.000 €
		600.000 €

Mobile Wastewater Treatment	Depreciation MFD_R200	60.000 €
	Operating materials 3€/m³	24.000 €
	Staff (partial)	48.000 €
	CO ₂ (pH neutralization)	10.000 €
	Activated carbon filter	10.000 €
	Sludge disposal 1% á 350€/m³	28.000 €
		180.000 €



Tank cap refurbishment



Removal of coating

- Coating removal from the cap of a petrol tank
- Client: Industriewartung Becker GmbH
- 2x Surface blaster (2.500 bar, 40 l/min) and hand lance (2.500 bar, 22 l/min)
- 350m³ treated wastewater for reuse in working process











Surface preparation

Maritime industry/shipyards:

- Ship hull surface preparation at Blohm & Voss shipyard
- Project partners: Hubert Palfinger Technologies / VTA
- HTC High tech carrier (2.800 bar, 60 l/min)
- Clear water quality ready for recycling or discharge













Satisfied Customers















Water is life!

Don't waste it, reuse it!



¡Thank you!



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